

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 12) of the Office Action Summary, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the Foreign Priority Claim and receipt of the certified copies of the two priority documents, which were filed herein on June 25, 2004.
- 2) A typographical error has been corrected in the specification at page 4 line 11. The correct prior art reference number is apparent from reference "AQ" cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of November 9, 2004. Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.
- 3) The Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to US Patent 6,937,375. Entry of this Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully requested.
- 4) Referring to pages 2 to 3 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 1 and 15 (and apparently also 16) on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of US Patent 6,937,375, has been obviated by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection no longer applies, and should be withdrawn, which is respectfully requested.
- 5) Referring to page 3 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in all claims 1 to 24 upon withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is appreciated. Since the

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double patenting rejection has been overcome with the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, all claims should now be allowable.

- 6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 24, are respectfully requested.

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 Enclosures:  
 Transmittal Cover Sheet  
 Terminal Disclaimer  
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